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1. SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO DANISH AMBASSADOR HERE, VISIT OF DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER TO BULGARIA AND ROMANIA PRODUCED "VERY POSITIVE" ECONOMIC RESULTS. SOFIA PORTION OF TRIP CONCENTRATED ON AMIABLE GENERALITIES, WHILE IN BUCHAREST DIFFERING INTERPRETATIONS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION WERE SUBJECT OF LOG AND FRANK DISCUSSION. END SUMMARY.

2. DANISH AMBASSADOR BOEL DESCRIBED PRIMARY PURPOSE OF FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN'S VISITS TO BULGARIA (JANUARY 29/FEBRUARY 1) AND ROMANIA (FEBRUARY 1-4) AS TRADE PROMOTION AND SAID RESULTS HAD BEEN "VERY POSITIVE", ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT THEY WERE. (COMMENT: DANISH COMMERCIAL ATTACHE TOLD EMBOFF THAT

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IN ADVANCE OF VISIT DANES HAD SUBMITTED 15-16 PROPOSALS DESIGNED

TO INCREASE DANISH TRADE TO ROMANIA WHICH HAS BEEN IN RED FOR THREE STRAIGHT YEARS. LAST YEAR DENMARK IMPORTED \$50 MILLION WORTH OF ROMANIAN GOODS, MOSTLY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND FURNITURE, WHILE EXPORTING ONLY \$12 MILLION WORTH OF DANISH GOODS.) WHILE NOT A PRIMARY TOPIC OF DISCUSSION ZHIVKOV AND CEAUSESCU DID CONFIRM ANTICIPATED PRESENTATION OF CEMA-EC DRAFT AGREEMENT. (COMMENT: DANISH AMBASSADOR ALSO NOTED THAT ON PREVIOUS VISIT TO BULGARIA HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT CEMA DRAFT SHOULD - LABELED MORE A COMPROMISE THAN SOVIET CONCESSION TO ROMANIANS SINCE IT APPARENTLY DEALS WITH SUBSTANTIVE TRADE ISSUES AND TECHNICALITIES, SOMETHING THE SOVIETS WANTED, BUT GOR DID NOT. WE ARE ALSO STRUCK BY FACT THAT ZHIVKOV SHOULD HAVE BEEN FIRST EE LEADER TO CONFIRM PRESENTATION OF CEMA-EC DRAFT IN ADVANCE.)

3. BULGARIAN VISIT. AMBASSADOR BOEL SAID ANDERSEN AND ZHIVKOV HAD HIT IT OFF WELL ON PERSONAL LEVEL (AT ONE POINT ZHIVKOV JOKINGLY CALLED THE SOVIET UNION A BULGARIAN COLONY) BUT THAT DISCUSSIONS DEALY ONLY WITH GENERALITIES. ZHIVKOV NOTED THAT BULGARIA WAS NEGOTIATING FOR CREDITS TO BUY WESTERN TECHNOLOGY (WITH U.S., AMONG OTHERS) WHICH IT BADLY NEEDED TO OFFSET A SERIOUS LABOR SHORTAGE. HE ALSO TOLD DANISH FONMIN THAT BULGARIA WILL SOON BEGIN IMPORTING MORE "WESTERN NON-COMMUNIST" LITERATURE.

4. ROMANIAN PORTION. BOEL CHARACTERIZED ROMANIAN-DANISH RELATIONS AS HAVING REACHED A POINT (IMPLICATION WAS UNLIKE THE DANISH-BULGARIAN RELATIONSHIP) WHERE DISCUSSIONS COULD BE MORE FRANK, AND THEY APPARENTLY WERE. DURING FORMAL TALKS ROMANIAN FONMIN MACOVESCU LAUNCHED INTO ONE AND ONE-HALF HOUR PRESENTATION ON CSCE WHICH FEATURED HIS OBSERVATION THAT RIGHT OF 100 OR EVEN 10,000 YOUNG PEOPLE TO MARRY PALED TO INSIGNIFICANCE WHEN COMPARED TO ISSUE OF EUROPEAN SECURITY. IN AN EQUALLY LENGTHY REPLY ANDERSEN ARGUED THAT TWO WERE NOT MUTUALLY INCOMPATIBLE. (COMMENT: AT START OF VISIT DANES HAD PRESENTED ROMANIANS WITH LIST OF 7 MARRIAGE CASES, ONLY TWO OF WHICH HAVE BEEN RESOLVED AS YET). ANDERSEN'S MEETING WITH CEAUSESCU DEALT MAINLY ON ME AND ROMANIAN DISAPPOINTMENT AT FAILURE TO ADOPT RECENT SC RES ON SUBJECT IT HAD CO-SPONSORED. CEAUSESCU MAINTAINED THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THAT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH MIGHT HAVE TAKEN PLACE UNDER THIS RES WOULD HAVE LED TO DE FACTO RECOGNITION BY ALL PARTIES INVOLVED.

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5. DANES MANAGED TO AVOID USUAL LENGTHY COMMUNIQUE BY STATING IN ADVANCE THEIR DESIRE NOT TO HAVE ANY FORMAL DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED. AFTER THAT, ACCORDING TO DANISH AMB, NEGOTIATIONS WERE "EASY". MACOVESCU RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO VISIT DENMARK AND WHILE THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF A POSSIBLE CEAUSESCU TRIP TO DENMARK, THE ROMANIANS DID APPARENTLY PUSH FOR AN EARLY VISIT TO BUCHAREST BY QUEEN MARGRETHE.

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